

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of indicating a remaining capacity for concurrently processing a predefined maximal number of data entered the amount of data, in particular of characters, which can be entered in an edit field of an electronic device for a common subsequent processing, comprising:

determining the remaining capacity; and

providing a graphic element to visually represent the remaining capacity the step that the available capacity for entering data in the edit field is graphically visualized.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 1 further comprising changing the, wherein the look of a graphic element associated to the edit field is changed in functional dependency to the available remaining capacity.

3. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into two areas, wherein the percentages of the two areas are changed in functional dependency to the remaining available capacity.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into several sub-portions, each of which represents is representing a predefined amount of the predefined maximal number capacity, so that for every amount of capacity already used one of these sub-portions is visually displayed, filled up and/or deleted.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is look of a text cursor associated with the electronic device is changed proportional to the number of remaining characters, which can be entered into the edit field.

6. (Currently Amended) An electronic device having an edit field, comprising:

means for entering data ~~and/or-characters~~ into the edit field; and
means for concurrently processing a predefined maximal number of entered data entered in
the edit field and/or-characters all-at-once; and, comprising

a graphic element associated with to the edit field for visually representing a remaining
capacity of the predefined maximal number graphically visualizing the space or capacity available in
the edit field.

7. . (Currently Amended) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the look of the graphic element is changed changeable in functional dependency to the remaining available space or capacity.

8. (Currently Amended) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into two areas, wherein the percentages of the two areas are changeable in functional dependency to the remaining capacity available spacee.

9. (Currently Amended) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into several sub-portions, each ~~of which~~ is representing a predefined amount of the
predetermined maximal number capacity, and wherein respectively one of these portions is
changeable for a character entered.

10. (Original) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphical element is a text cursor.

11. (Currently Amended) An electronic device of any of claim 6 wherein the electronic
device is, being a mobile phone, in particular based on a GSM standard or UMTS standard.

12. (New) An electronic device of claim 11 wherein the mobile phone is based on a GSM standard.

13. (New) An electronic device of claim 12 wherein the mobile phone is based on a UMTS standard.
14. (New) An electronic device of claim 6 wherein the data are textual characters.
15. (New) An electronic device of claim 9 wherein each of the sub-portions is changed in functional dependency to the predefined amount.
16. (New) An electronic device of claim 6 wherein the graphic element visually represents the remaining capacity via a change in color.
17. (New) An electronic device of claim 6 wherein the graphic element visually represents the remaining capacity via flashing frequency.
18. (New) A method of claim 1 wherein the data are textual characters.
19. (New) A method of claim 4 wherein each of the sub-portions is changed in functional dependency to the predefined amount.
20. (New) A method of claim 1 wherein the graphic element visually represents the remaining capacity via a change in color or a flashing frequency.